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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2854**

Attorney Docket No. 1199 P 196

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Andrew L. Oleson

Application No.: 10/814,373  
Confirmation No.: 5499  
Filed On: March 31, 2004

Examiner: Marissa L. Ferguson

Art Unit: 2854

For: Individual Head Off-Contact Shims

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Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire on February 25, 2006. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 25, 2005**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of November 25, 2005.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.